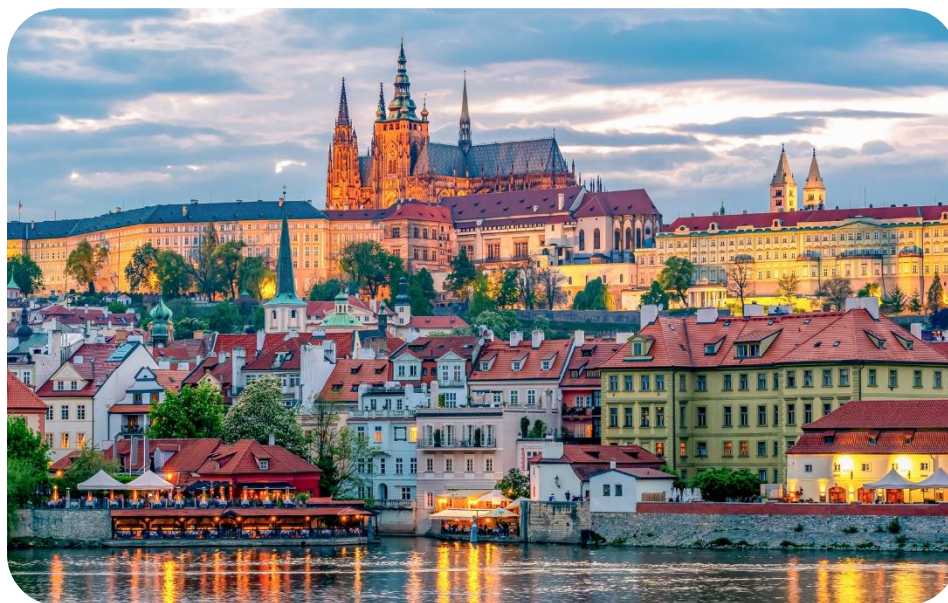


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2nd CIRCULAR: April 2026

The PRAHA2026 meeting will mark the 28th edition of the Prague Spectroscopy Conference Series that started in 1970 to bring spectroscopists from Eastern and Western Europe together, now uniting the high-resolution molecular spectroscopy community from around the entire globe.

The conference will be held at the campus of the University of Chemistry and Technology Prague (UCT) and the Czech Technical University in Prague (CTU). Located in Prague-Dejvice, near Vítězné náměstí, the campus is within walking distance of the Dejvická metro station. The local organization will be handled in collaboration with the UCT, the CTU, and the Ioannes Marcus Marci Spectroscopic Society.

Please note that **the conference begins on Monday, August 31, in the morning and ends on Friday, September 4, at lunchtime**. Participants are therefore expected to arrive in Prague on Sunday, August 30, in the afternoon or evening.

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is a major European cultural and historical center, renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture, historic squares, and iconic landmarks such as Charles Bridge and Prague Castle. With a history dating back more than a thousand years, Prague combines a rich legacy of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque heritage with the vibrancy of a modern metropolis, offering excellent infrastructure, a strong academic tradition, and a welcoming environment for visitors.

Scientific Program

The program will include ten invited plenary lectures, three mini-symposia on specific topics (*exoplanetary atmospheres, chirality and chiral recognition, molecular ion spectroscopy*), contributed oral presentations, and poster sessions.

PLENARY LECTURERS	
BERNADETTE BRODERICK	University of Missouri / Columbia, USA
SANDRA BRÜNKEN	Radboud University/Nijmegen, Netherlands
WYBREN JAN BUMA	University of Amsterdam /Amsterdam, Netherlands
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JER-LAI KUO	Academia Sinica / Taipei, Taiwan
LUCILE RUTKOWSKI	IPR / Rennes, France
YAN TAN	University Sci. Tech. China / Hefei, China
SERGEY YURCHENKO	UCL / London, UK

The mini-symposia will be organized around one or two keynote speakers and additional short-format oral contributions from participants in the conference. The keynote speakers are listed below.

MINI-SYMPOSIA and KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	
<i>EXOPLANETARY ATMOSPHERES</i>	
JULIA V. SEIDEL	Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur / Nice, France
<i>CHIRALITY AND CHIRAL RECOGNITION</i>	
BROOKS H. PATE	University of Virginia / Charlottesville, USA
ANNE ZEHNACKER	ISMO – CNRS Paris Saclay / Orsay, France
<i>ION SPECTROSCOPY</i>	
OSKAR ASVANY	Universität zu Köln / Köln, Germany

Contributions are invited in the fields of:

- Observation, measurement, and analysis of high-resolution rotational, vibrational, or electronic spectra of molecules (radicals, ions, complexes, clusters, etc.) in the gas phase or in matrices
- Experimental techniques for observing such spectra
- Theory assisting the prediction, simulation, and interpretation of spectra
- Applications in related fields, such as the physics and chemistry of planetary and cool-star atmospheres, the interstellar medium, chemical kinetics, biologically important molecules in the gas phase or in matrices, combustion, cold molecules, and metrology

Both oral and poster contributions are welcome, but we especially encourage students to submit oral presentations.

Ioannes Marcus Marci Ceremonial Session

Preceding the conference banquet, the ceremonial Ioannes Marcus Marci Session will take place. The *Ioannes Marcus Marci Lecturer 2026* will be *Professor Reinhard Genzel*, Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics, Munich. His career is deeply rooted in pioneering infrared spectroscopy and high-resolution imaging. Prof. Genzel's expertise lies in developing advanced, ground-based astronomical instruments to study the infrared emission from galactic centers. Following his discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy, he was awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics, jointly with Roger Penrose and Andrea Ghez.

PRAHA2026 Plíva Prize

PRAHA2026 Plíva prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding **oral presentation by a student or young researcher**. In order to be eligible for the PRAHA2026 Plíva Prize, a candidate:

- must be the primary (first) author of the work being presented,
- should assume the sole responsibility for the oral presentation,

- must not be older than 35 years (at the time of the meeting),
- should either be preparing a PhD thesis or have been awarded the degree within the last 24 months (at the time of the meeting).

Students or young researchers who want to submit their talk into the competition for the PRAHA2026 Plíva Prize should indicate this intention by selecting the appropriate option during the conference registration.

Venue

The conference will take place at the University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, Technická 5, 166 28 Prague.

Registration

Registration will be possible from May 10, 2026 via the conference website.

<https://hrms-praha2026.cz>

Please complete all fields in the online registration form according to the instructions provided on the registration page. After completing the registration, you will receive a confirmation of its successful submission. As a part of the registration process, the total amount due will be stated together with the payment details. The payment processing usually takes a few business days. Note that your registration will be considered final only after the payment has been received.

Fees

The conference fees include admission to the scientific sessions, the reception and a concert evening.

	by May 31	by June 30	late payment
regular participant	380 EUR	420 EUR	460 EUR
students/young researcher (within a year of the award of the PhD)	250 EUR	290 EUR	330 EUR
accompanying person	120 EUR	160 EUR	200 EUR

Cancellation policy

Requests for cancellation of conference participation must be submitted by email to praha2026@vscht.cz. For refund requests received by August 1, 2026, an administrative fee of 40 EUR will be deducted, and any applicable bank fees may also be withheld. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after this date, nor in cases of non-attendance or unforeseen events. Refunds will be processed shortly after the end of the conference.

Abstract submission

The abstract submission system will be open as early as May 15 until June 30, 2026. The instructions for abstract submission will soon be available on conference web-site within the section “Abstract submission”.

During the abstract submission process, also indicate if you want to present your contribution as a talk or a poster. If opted for a contributed talk, indicate its intended length. While shorter presentations will also be accepted, the regular presentation time will 15 min. Prior to acceptance, all submissions will be reviewed by the scientific organizing committee.

Meals and accommodation

Lunches will be served at the university canteen, which is located within walking distance (approximately 5 minutes) from the conference venue. Each day, several soups will be available (price 30 CZK / approx. 1.2 EUR), as well as a selection of main courses, including vegetarian option (price approximately 170 CZK / approx. 7 EUR). A salad bar and desserts will also be available. No special meal vouchers will be issued, as lunches are paid on-site by payment card.

Single, double and triple rooms will be available at the following types of accommodation:

- 1) Masaryk Hotel (3* hotel)
- 2) Masaryk Dormitory (Self-contained units comprising two or three private bedrooms that share bathroom facilities)

Both accommodation facilities are located within a 5 minutes' walk from the conference venue. The accommodation prices listed below include breakfast, which will be available for all conference participants and accompanying persons accommodated at the Masaryk Hotel/Dormitory. The reservation of the selected room type will be made during your conference registration. Please note that the capacity of the accommodation facilities is limited; therefore, accommodation will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

Accommodation price list		price per person / night		
		single room	double room	triple room
hotel (3*)	Masaryk Hotel	51 EUR	37 EUR	31 EUR
dormitory	Masaryk Dormitory	29 EUR	25 EUR	–

Important dates

Third circular: **June 2026**

Deadline for early bird registration: **May 31, 2026**

Deadline for registration at regular fee: **June 30, 2026**

Deadline for abstract submission: **June 30, 2026**

Late registrations feasible on and after **July 1, 2026**

E-mail

You may contact the Local Organizing Committee by e-mail at p Praha2026@vscht.cz